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**REMARKS**

In the Office Action, the Examiner indicated that claims 1 through 21 are pending in the application and the Examiner allowed claims 6 and 18, and rejected claims 1-5, 7-17, and 19-21.

Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication of allowable claims.

Pursuant to multiple telephone conferences between the undersigned and the Examiner on March 21, 2005 and April 14, 2005, applicants have amended the claims to put them in what applicant believes to be allowable condition. Applicants submitted the proposed claim amendments to the Examiner on March 23, 2005, via an unofficial fax communication. On April 14, 2005, the Examiner indicated that the proposed claim amendments were acceptable and would place the case in allowable condition. This amendment constitutes an official submission of claims previously submitted unofficially.

**Conclusion**

The present invention is not taught or suggested by the prior art. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejection of the claims. An early Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

Enclosed herewith, in duplicate, is a Petition for extension of time to respond to the Examiner's Action, along with a Credit Card Payment Form authorizing payment of the

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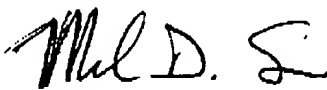
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extension fee. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 19-5425.

Respectfully submitted

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